



## PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Health and Recovery Services Administration

**Subject of possible rule making:**  
Chapter 388-550 WAC, Hospital Services

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:**  
RCW.74.08.090 and 74.09.500

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:**

The department is proposing to amend sections in chapter 388-550 WAC in order to update payment methodologies for inpatient hospital services. Other sections in this chapter may be amended or new rules proposed in order to update policy regarding inpatient and outpatient hospital services for medical assistance clients.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**

The Health and Recovery Services Administration will coordinate with other agencies as applicable.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe)

The department invites the interested public to review and provide input on the draft language of this rule. Draft material and information about how to participate may be obtained from the department representative below.

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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